

BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (MAC)

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 4, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

MAC members present: Chair Betty Gosney, Jacqueline Cox, Lynda Gonzalez, Eric Scott, Gregory Ware

Not Present: Adrian McDaniel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Gosney motioned to approve the minutes of the October 5th meeting. Lynda Gonzalez was first and Eric Scott was second to approve October's minutes. Chair Gosney motioned to approve the minutes for the November 2nd meeting after correcting the spelling of Linden Street. Jacqueline Cox was first and Greg Ware was 2nd to approve November's minutes.

STAFF REPORTS

California Highway Patrol – Officer Steve Robinson

Officer Robinson reported 3 new officers added to the force. He stated there were new pot holes on Cedar Ave due to the rain storms.

Sheriff's Department – Sgt. Finneran

Sgt. Finneran said there have been illegal used car lots down Cedar, Jurupa, & Santa Ana Ave. 20 sellers have been cited. Homicide on Oliver and Valley Blvd. appears to be a targeted crime. Detectives are close to identifying a suspect. The case is still under investigation. The price of copper has gone up and she anticipates there will be an increase in copper wire thefts. They are working with code enforcement on vehicle issues. Lt. Tomlin was transferred to Apple Valley and replaced by Lt. Newcombe. He was not able to attend due to prior engagements.

Special Districts – Tim Millington

Mr. Millington proposed a change in the shelter/gazebo fee from \$35 for both small and large shelters to \$35 for small and \$75 for a larger shelter rentals. Also there will be an electric hookup fee of \$10. The transportation improvements on Jurupa Ave are waiting for the Director's signature and is going out to bid in late January or early February. Special Districts sought \$1.2 Million for park improvements from the Prop 84 grant but they were not awarded funds. Another grant cycle is coming up and will re apply. A drill rig was used at Kessler Park to conduct exploratory burrowing to determine depth and cover of the land fill. The deepest they went down was 60 feet at the dump site.

County Fire Dept. - Battalion Chief Munesy

Chief Munsey stated they had a very successful toy drive event before Christmas. Also, they were busy with Lytle Creek water rescues.

Field Representative – Frances Vasquez

Frances Vasquez thanked the Bloomington Community Boosters and volunteers for the excellent job they did on the Cowboy Country Christmas Parade. The Supervisor rode in the fun parade. Also Santa in the Park was joyful to see all the children and community. Vacancies were announced for the Flood Control Commission and Equal Opportunity Commission. Homeless Point in Time Count will take place on January 26 from 9pm to 1:00am. Ads for the County Visioning meetings were distributed in the Sunday editions of newspapers. Input is needed from residents. Brochures were distributed showing the meeting will take place on January 26 from 6pm – 8pm at Bloomington High School. There is also an online survey for those who are not able to attend the meeting. Ms. Vasquez reported the recent storms brought a tremendous amount of damage to

homes, businesses, and public facilities. The rains also tested the limits of flood control and emergency response capabilities. County emergency and public works staff sacrificed a great deal of holiday time and worked diligently to reduce the impacts. Many community volunteers assisted in clearing mud and debris. The County Board declared a state of emergency due to the rain damage. She gave information explaining how to claim a tax exemption. If your damages were greater than \$10,000 you may be entitled to a tax exemption. Assessor Draeger encouraged flood victims to visit the website, www.sbcounty.gov/assessor or call toll-free at 1-877-885-7654 for more information. County public works was working to make repairs to the Surface flooding at Linden Ave. She also stated 211 information and referral was at no cost to residents.

OLD BUSINESS

Pro Active Community Enhancement (PACE) – Code Enforcement Staff- Dawn Lastimosa

Ms. Lastimosa reported there were 240 Properties surveyed in the last Bloomington project area. They identified 112 properties with violations. During re-inspections the owners of 31 properties were in compliance. A Notice of Violation went out to 81 properties. After the 2nd re-inspection, 31 more properties were in compliance. The remaining properties are being worked on. The Community Clean event up accounted for 16 tons of trash, 4.5 tires, and 1.3 tones of e-waste that was removed. The phone number for the PACE Staff is (909) 884-4056. Substantial discussion was held, and Ms. Lastimosa answered questions from the audience. Some residents felt there were inconsistencies regarding code enforcement between small business/individual homeowners, and big business. Other residents expressed concern that they were not allocated sufficient time to discuss their concerns at the PACE community meeting held at Crestmore Elementary School last November.

NEW BUSINESS

Animal Care/Control – John Papp

Member Gregory Ware provided pit bull attack statistics and a background summary of his neighbor's cat who was recently killed by two pit bulls. He also introduced John Papp, who stated there were 21 officers for all of San Bernardino County. According to Mr. Papp, dog bites on people are the calls which take priority over others. Management decided not to have officers carry tasers or darts due to liability and safety reasons. Only the supervisors, including him, carry tranquilizer equipment. The county contracts with a trapper for raccoons and other wild life.

Member Ware's point regarding the PC832 (post certificate) requirement was: If animal control officers are required to have Post training and are proficient with fire weapons, then they are capable of being proficient with dart guns. He suggested arming all the animal control officers with tranquilizer guns to help protect the safety of the public and themselves.

YOUTH MEMBER REPORT

Kayos Kidz -- Andrew Holmes

Mr. Holmes reported that the Bloomington School High Choir's winter concerts went well. Also, the next school semester was underway.

MEMBER REPORTS

Lynda Gonzalez praised the Bloomington Boosters for doing an outstanding job with the parade and Santa in the Park. She appreciated their hard work.

Jacqueline Cox stated that the Christmas parade was great. She was grateful for all the toys given away.

Eric Scott also appreciated the Bloomington Boosters for the parade. He saw many happy kids and adults.

Greg Ware concurred with Mr. Scott's comments. He commented on the difficult economic times so it was great to see how appreciative the people were during the parade. He thanked the

residents for letting him be one of the voices for the community. He also stated Supervisor Gonzales has always been the person who has helped the community solve problems.

Betty Gosney thanked the Bloomington Boosters for all the continuous work they do for the community.

ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

Lynda Gonzalez wanted a follow-up on the Slover Ave. Widening Project (between Cedar & Tamarind Ave).

Gregory Ware requested a presentation from the Citizens Emergency and Response Team on disaster and earthquake related safety tips.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Jayne stated CHP was at a different location for traffic control the day of the Christmas parade. The CHP officer stayed at his assigned location, but it worked out in the end. Mr. Jayne appreciated those that attended his ride event in October. He spoke with Supervisor Gonzales about closing down the 4 marijuana dispensaries. Frances stated that the county was working on a new ordinance and code has been issuing citations for land use violations.

Corine Soto thanked the community for participating in the December events. She read a list of sponsors and thanked Marla Hernandez for the items she knitted. She also thanked "Kenny" with Park Maintenance and the Navy R.O.T.C. During the Santa at the Park event, 588 stockings were given away and 650-700 kids enjoyed the park. Santa delivered donations to families totaling 58 members. 7 Moms and 9 Children were given presents at the Women's Shelter. Turkeys were donated to 13 people. New winter coats were gift wrapped and donated to 98 homeless students. Santa visited the library where he brought small gifts to 200 children. A total of 1085 people were served by the Bloomington Community Boosters.

Antonio Carrillo announced that he had an e commerce businesses specializing in non lethal weapons (pepper spray). He reported a drop in crime at the national level. He also distributed a handout on ATM security.

Eric Davenport stated dog owners think their dog is perfect. However, dogs are not always great with kids.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED – February 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.